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A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Washington—(U.P.) — It's odd how big people get attached to small animals. You make them part of the family. And they are taken away, and you feel as though you have lost one of the kin.

But it's a little different for Capt. and Mrs. Earl Fisk down at Ft. Polk, La. The captain and his misses asked for it. The officer is with the 141st Signal Battalion motor outfit. They have "adopted" a little short-haired Collie dog named "Curly." "Curly" curled right

into the family circle. She someday will serve as the eyes of some blind person.

As of now she is soaking up a lot of love and affection from the Fisk family.

The Fisks, it turns out, are part of a unique and wonderful program. They have gone into the non-profit business of caring for, feeding, and helping to train the pup for entry into "guide dog school" a few months from now.

There are no commercial aspects as far as the Fisks are concerned. They asked for the puppy. It was sent to them, and they know "Curly" has to go back. The dog came from the Shamrock Collie research laboratory at Butler, Ind. It is headed by Dr. Lee Ford, a woman geneticist.

Money Well Spent

The Fisks are paying for the keep of the pup, also giving their time in helping to train her.

"People who take these dogs are well-screened," the captain's wife said. "First off you have to love dogs. We wrote and asked the laboratory how about securing a dog. Dr. Ford replied and asked how we would like to raise 'Curly' for guide dog school. We just couldn't turn that down. It is a worthy cause."

Well, commercial or not, the Fisk family is doing the best it can.

As Mrs. Fisk puts it: "The short-haired Collie is much easier to keep, and has the same characteristics as the long-haired. All Collies are smart. And we understand they are easy to train."

It hasn't been, so far, as easy as the captain and his wife thought. But they are doing the best they know how.

Time for School

They are taking little Curly everywhere. Introducing her to traffic, teaching her right from wrong in the red and green of the traffic lights. How to worm through traffic, wait for a go-ahead in the store elevators.

"We had no trouble leash-training her," Mrs. Fisk said. "She is a good pup and we love her."

"Curly" sometimes, though, acts like a dog. She is a begger. Always has her tongue out for a morsel.

"But," the captain says, "she is obedient. She was well-screened, even as a pup. And she has intelligence."

"It was easy for us to adopt 'Curly,'" Mrs. Fisk adds. "The tough part will be giving her up at the end of a year of training. But we will live with the satisfaction of helping the life of some blind person. That will erase the pain of parting. Maybe we'll do it again—get another pup."

JACKSONVILLE Post Office Work Complete

By MRS. C. S. HOSKINS

Jacksonville — A new screening and 400 new post office boxes were installed last week in the new post office building at 204 E. California st. The installation was made under the direction of D. L. Skoog, postal equipment technician, from Seattle. With the addition of a few articles of work room furniture still on order, the modernization, begun last year will be completed, according to Postmaster Leon M. Matheny. The Jacksonville post office is now second class.

A combined house warming tea and household show was held last Wednesday afternoon, honoring Mrs. Carl Hoskins, at her new home at 102 West Fir st., in Jacksonville. Mrs. James Noble and Mrs. Milton James were acting hostesses, with Mrs. Lulu Saulsbury pouring. Table and room decorations included numerous arrangements of tuberosus begonias from Mrs. Noble's famed collection, and a fall flower arrangement of pink and grey hues by Mrs. Walter Sutherland, and yellow mums from Mrs. Paul Godward's garden. Mesdames present were: Frank Mitchell, Albert McCann, Walter Sutherland, Oscar Lewis, Daniel Serry, John Hamaker, James Noble, Paul Godward, Ernest McIntyre, Ted Hewlett, Milton James, Omar Culy, Ray Wilson, Albert Hackert, Henry Burmeister, Ida Wright, Bernice Janosky, Mary Godward, Sophia Sokolowski, Lois Fretwell and Lulu Saulsbury. Four children, Holly Hewlett, Sonny Sokolowski, Jeff Griffith and Jacklyn Hamaker, were present. Many others, unable to attend, were represented with cards and gifts. Guests, calling on the Hoskins later in the evening, were Mr. and Mrs. C. Marion Smith, of Medford.

Jacksonville cold storage reports approximately 50 deer have been brought in so far this season. A total of 125 were brought in last year.

New residents in Jacksonville are Mr. and Mrs. Albert McCann of Medford. The McCanns have two children, Bonnie Sue and Michael Lee, both of preschool age. They have purchased the former Carl Hoskins property at 210 S. Oregon st.

Funeral services were held Friday for Melvin Humphrey at the IOOF cemetery in Medford. He was the brother of Mrs. James Lawrence of Jacksonville. Here for the services were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Olsen of Tacoma, Wash. Mrs. Olsen is a sister to Humphrey and Mrs. Lawrence. Humphrey had lived in this community for the past 19 years.

Herman Shepard arrived home Saturday after a three-weeks' stay in a Portland hospital, where he underwent medical treatment. Shepard's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Buchet, and his brother, George Shepard of Elk City, Okla., were recent visitors in Jacksonville and Central Point. From here they went to Portland, where they visited Shepard in the hospital.

Committees in charge of the Halloween masquerade parade, planned for Oct. 31, are: committee in charge of meeting places after parade, Shirley Schultz, Sandra and Heather Norris, and Judy Matheny; publicity chairman, Jerry Beams; placing of posters and care of canisters in business houses in Jacksonville, Kenny Shockley, Shirley Schultz, Pat McCarthy, Judy Matheny and Sandra and Heather Norris; refreshments, Margie Edens; decorations, Alice Crowley; grade signs to distinguish position in parade, Wayne Goldschmidt and Pat McCarthy; providing chaperones, Susan Young; prizes and games, Nancy Niedermeyer. Funds collected from canisters in various business houses will be used for the purchase of refreshments and prizes.

The designated halls for various age groups are: pre-school and first and second graders, the Presbyterian church recreation hall; third and fourth graders, music room at the high school; fifth, sixth, and seventh grade, community hall kitchen; eighth graders, teenagers, and adults, Community hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Richards and Mrs. Richards' father, John Hony, of Hot Springs, S. Dak., were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Serry. The Serrys and Richards were neighbors 20 years ago in Hot Springs. The Richards had made a tour up and down the coast and made their last stop at the Serry home before starting home to South Dakota. Mr. Richards plans to retire soon and they will make their home in this vicinity. While here they also visited a son, who lived near Portland.

Raymond Dick, former Jacksonville resident, is here on a 13-day leave from the navy. He is stationed at Bremerton, Wash. While here he is visiting friends and relatives in the valley.

Mrs. Charles Remington left Jacksonville Sept. 28, and returned last week. She visited in Vancouver at the home of her youngest son, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Runnion and family, taking several side trips along the Columbia river and visiting a radar station. From Vancouver, she went to the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moore, of Longview, Wash., and to the home of her oldest son, Mr. and Mrs. Elmar Runnion and family, at Long Beach, Wash., at the mouth of the Columbia river. Her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Moore, drove her home to Jacksonville.

**'Weed-Killing' Train
Devised in Chicago**

Chicago—(U.P.)—The Chicago Transit Authority mounted a 4,000-gallon tank on an old work car, attached an air pump, and the result is a "weed-killing" train, used to rid roadways of unsightly undergrowth.

The "weed-killer" is used along Chicago's elevated system, spraying one part sodium chlorate, sodium metaborate and other ingredients mixed with three parts water, along the tracks.

The mixture is non-flammable and non-toxic to human beings and animals, but causes the weeds to wither and disappear. Nozzles extending from the front and sides of the car direct the spray of the mixture.

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Laughs of the Day . . .

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A LITTLE LATE
Albany, N.Y.—(U.P.)—The horse museum in New York state when the legislature, with the approval of Gov. Averell Harriman, defeated references to Old Dobbin in the Railroad Law. The horse-drawn railway carriage is officially no more.

BRICK ALARM
Concord, N.H.—(U.P.)—When a laborer dropped a brick from a second-story window, it hit a fire box and sounded a false alarm, bringing four fire trucks to the scene.

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Powered Elephant Handles Big Logs

Aberdeen, Wash.—(U.P.)—An electric "elephant," powerful enough to lift a truck-load of logs as high as a three-story house, is the latest innovation of a large Pacific Northwest timber concern for handling tons of logs.

In use at Weyerhaeuser Timber Company's Grays Harbor mill, the "elephant" plucks a complete load of logs from a truck, rolls to a heap of logs already stacked and drops them on top.

The 30-foot machine then lumbers back, lifts the truck's trailer into the air and deposits it behind the cab, where it rides to the woods for another load of logs. The whole operation takes five minutes.

The machine's "mahout" controls his charge by pressing buttons on a control panel. A huge generator mounted behind the six-foot-high rear wheels powers electric motors which drive the machine.

This mechanism, largest of its type in the world, actually is more powerful than several elephants. It even has "tusks" on its business end—three heavy prongs that go under the logs to be hoisted. A "trunk" moves forward and down to keep the logs from rolling off.

Weyerhaeuser officials hope their "elephant" will have created a stockpile of more than a month's supply of logs, ready to be crushed into pulp, by next year.

Pulp mills throughout the Northwest are interested in the machine and hope a herd of such "elephants" soon will be available for piling logs.

Petroleum constitutes eight out of every 10 tons of commerce handled in Texas harbors.

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